

## **Background of The Invention**

**As a boy I grew up in a commercial fishing village, and as far back as I can remember I have been a fisherman. As a tot, I would get my gear together, which consisted of a box, I used to put my hooks, floats, strings, leaders, weight, etc. in, a large container, like a bucket to carry my catch home in, and of course I had to have another box or bag for my lunch, & drink.**

**Not to even mention my fishing poles. By the time I would leave the house I would be so loaded down, it was a job getting to my favorite fishing spot. It was worth every second of it. When I got older I became a commercial fisherman, so most of my gear was kept on my boat. However, when time permitted I was still an avid sports fisherman, which meant (you guessed it) assembling all my gear, getting my food & drinks in a cooler, a bucket for my catch, a tackle box for my fishing supplies, another bucket for bait, as I didn't use solider & fiddler crab's any longer. All my fishing poles, because everyone knows you need more than one. Putting my wallet & keys in an oil skinned bag to protect them from getting wet, with a cork on it in case I dropped them overboard. Loading all this in my car, heading for my favorite fishing hole. After getting there, taking all this out of my car & making a couple of trips down to my fishing spot, I was finally ready to fish.**

**Every time I would think**

**"There has got to be an easier way to do this", it was taking a lot of joy out of fishing, having to lug all this stuff back & forth. That's how I came up with "The Recreational Tote", an all in one unit, that you could carry your lunch & drinks in, that has a built in tackle box, that has a locked compartment to put my wallet, jewelry, keys, etc, in, By carrying a plastic bag in one of the compartments I now could place my catch in the food & drink compartment to keep them iced & fresh.**

**It's a simple & uncomplicated invention, but it sure is a time, & temper saver. It's easy to carry, maintain & clean. I keep**